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SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA

REF: JAKARTA 00026

1. REPORTS RELEASED TO PRESS BY HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WERE, AS YOU SURMISED, UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF THE CLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS SUBMITTED TO HIRC SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AT REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN MORGAN. WE HAD ASSUMED THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED REPORTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC, BUT PRIOR TO THEIR ACTUAL RELEASE WE DID NOT KNOW WHEN AND IN WHAT FORM HIRC INTENDED TO RELEASE THEM. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS HAS BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

2. REPORTS ON SIX COUNTRIES (INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES IN EA) WERE ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN MORGAN UNDER SECTION 502B (C) (1) OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH

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MAKES IT MANDATORY THAT REPORTS BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF REQUEST. THESE REPORTS, CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL, WERE DULY PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT BASED LARGEMLY ON EMBASSY'S IMPUT AND SENT TO HIRC WITH COPIES TO SFRC.

3. SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RECEIPT BY HIRC, CONGRESSMAN FRASER REQUESTED THAT THEY BE DECLASSIFIED, NOTING THAT

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OR THE ACT REFLECTED INTENT OF CONGRESS THAT THEY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY REVIEWED THE REPORTS, DELETED CERTAIN PARTS WHICH APPEARED TO REQUIRE CONTINUED CLASSIFICATION, AND FORWARDED THE REVISED VERSIONS OF THEM TO HIRC AS UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. LATTER WERE THE ONES RELEASED LAST WEEK.

4. THESE REPORTS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, DIFFER IN SEVERAL RESPECTS FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS (SOME 79 OF THEM) THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED UNDER THE ACT WITH THE FY 1978 CPD, ALTHOUGH SUBSTANCE IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. THESE LATTER REPORTS ARE IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION.

5. FURTHER TO CONFUSE THE MATTER, SENATOR HUMPHREY REQUESTED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AT ABOUT THE TIME OF CHAIRMAN MORGAN'S ORIGINAL REQUEST. HUMPHREY, HOWEVER, SPECIFIED THAT HIS REQUEST WAS NOT BASED ON SECTION 502B (C) (1) OF THE ACT. SINCE CERTAIN OF THE COUNTRIES ON SENATOR HUMPHREY'S LIST (INCLUDING INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES) ALSO WERE ON CHAIRMAN MORGAN'S LIST, HUMPHREY'S REQUEST WAS MET BY SENDING HIM COPIES OF THE "MORGAN" REPORTS ON THOSE COUNTRIES. THESE REPORTS WERE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

6. TEXT OF UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE "MORGAN" REPORT ON INDONESIA CONTAINED NO CHANGES IN LANGUAGE FROM THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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OF THE CLASSIFIED VERSION (COPY OF WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE). THERE WERE, HOWEVER, CERTAIN DELETIONS, MAIN ONE BEING ELIMINATION OF ALL BUT A FEW OF THE CITATIONS OF SPECIFIC CONVERSATIONS WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS IN SECTION B.1. (PROMOTION OF OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS). COPY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED REPORT IS BEING POUCED.

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